F.C.C.L.A. students attend

National Cluster meeting

On Friday, Nov. 14, at 6 a.m., at the Hyatt Hotel & Resort.

the Zion Chapel High School They also attended a dance and

FCCLA chapter left for a trip to saw a rocket launch from Cape

The Zion Chapel students ever, was a tour of the Jack-

were accompanied by students sonville Jaguars stadium which from New Brockton and Elba was arranged by Representative

A total of 1,000 students from all over the United States

were there. The students stayed

The biggest treat of all, how-

5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16.

by Tanner Grant and

National Cluster meeting.

Sports Editorial: The Tide is Rising

by Logan Leverett and Josh Richards

remain focused on their ulti-

mate goal, which is to win the

and leadership.

Nathaniel Cox

Jacksonville, Fla., to attend a Canaveral.

High schools. While they were Terry Spicer.

SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty

by Jennifer A. Cook and Courtney M. Rhodes

This week's Focus on the Faculty member is Mr. Brandon Davis. He is a reading teacher for seventh and eighth grade at Zion Chapel,

Mr. Davis' birthday is Nov. 23. He has been teaching for five years. He coaches seventh and eighth grade boy's basket-

Mr. Davis said his favorite part about teaching is when he connects with the students. He s married to Angie Davis, who teaches high school science. They have three children, Dil-

Thrash

16 years old as well.

have kids.

Alabama.

fire, and riding four-wheelers.

Her life goals are to graduate

from college, get married and



Brandon Davis

Zion Chapel Schools

Rebel

Holli Richardson, sponsor

Concert to benefit ZC band

A benefit concert to assist the band to help fund the trip to the on self confidence, motivation rived back on campus at around Zion Chapel Band fund the up- Sugar Bowl. coming trip to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La., will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, at the on who is 16, Brianna who is He says his biggest accom- Farm Center in New Brockton. and Brodie who is a year plishment is graduating from Doors will open at 6 p.m. and

> helm, Nick Saban has this Ala- mitments, including Julio history. for a trip to the SEC Champi-school wide receiver. Now, Tide who first criticized Nick Many critics are predicting Al- standing atop the BCS stand- seen that he is more than worth abama to lose in this game, but ings. It hasn't always been his weight in gold. these are also the same critics pretty, and not much can be who hastily counted Alabama said about the Tide's style out of the title picture at the be-

ginning of the season. adversity and have won when it Who can really blame them? counted. After a dismal finish to the Nick Saban is a big believer 2006-2007 season, including a in finishing, so he will have the loss to LA-Monroe, the Tide players ready for any obstacle appeared to be a struggling they face. With a tough rivalry earn who would need many game against Auburn in the anmore years to return to national nual Iron Bowl, and a tough power. Conduct of the players game against SEC east Chamdid not help the situation, as pion Florida, the players must

the concert will begin at 7 p.m. At the beginning of the 2008- Nick Saban was forced to sus- National Championship. Mr. Davis' hobbies include When asked if he was an There will be an admission 2009 college football season, pend or release certain players. No matter how this season school, basketball and church. Auburn or Alabama fan, he re- charge for the concert. Shane the expectations for Nick from the squad for disciplinary ends, though, one thing is for He graduated from Coffee sponded, "Roll Tide!!"

Owens will perform, as well as Saban's Alabama squad were reasons. Despite all this, the sure Alabama is headed in the Springs High School. He at- Mr. Davis loves Zion Chapel the Zion Chapel Band. minimal. This year was pro- Crimson Tide was still able to right direction. The younger tended Troy University. and thinks it is a great school! All proceeds will go to the jected to be a rebuilding year rebound with a 30-24 win over players will only get better with and was expected to be tough Colorado in the bowl season. experience, and new freshmen In the off-season, Saban players will roll in to try to In only his second year at the picked up many valuable com- make their mark in Alabama

> bama team primed and ready Jones, the nation's top high Loyal fans of the Crimson onship game to face the very eleven weeks into the season. Saban have seen that he is what dangerous Florida Gators, the Alabama Crimson Tide is the players need, and they have

> > **OUR YOUTH** SCHOOLS EDUCATION



Lay-La Hussey and Courtney Rhodes

Courtney loves Journalism because she gets to leave the Lay-La would like to open up classroom to do her assignan art school when she retires ments. She likes football and from pharmacy. She is a great her favorite team in football is painter and a good drawer. Lay-La likes journalism bepainting and sketching both cause she likes to know what is anime style and realistic like going on around her and mainly to be up to date. She also likes drawings. Her life goals are: after high school she wants to to voice her opinions.

Lay-La is an Alabama fan. attend a four year college to be She plays softball occasionally she would like to be an art

LBWCC experiences enrollment boom

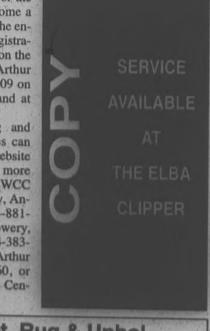
new programs, or better recruit- the past, economic downturns American troops. with over 1700 students en- shows that when the economy rolled in credit classes fall se- is good, enrollment in credit

As families are squeezed by Enrollment increases when intough economic times, high dividuals lose their job, re-look school graduates are steered to at their life and think, "Is this volunteers and volunteers and volunteers and volunteers and volunteers and volunteers." school graduates are steered to-ward a community college edu-what I want to do?" Commu-wroups to decorate Holly Jolly Bank in bundles of 25 and 50. cation and away from a more nity colleges historically see in- groups to decorate Holly Jolly Bank in bundles of 25 and 50. expensive four-year university. creased demand for bags for the December Brown Interested churches, clubs, Tuition remains extremely low workforce-training programs Bag distribution. Tuition remains extremely low workforce-training programs at LBW Community College, from people who have been laid \$1,080 per semester for 12 off or are in search of additional 2,600 bags decorated and recredit hours, less than half of skills. the four-year university's LBW Community College Dec. 11.

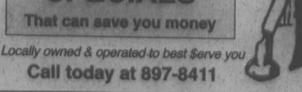
families, LBW Community goals through education and made with love, may be the Call 334-794-4499 for more College reacted quickly when training focused on practical only Christmas card seniors in information. fuel expenses increased by of- benefits. fering more online courses. Plan to join LBWCC for the

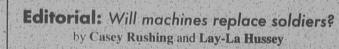
More classes have been sched- spring semester and become a uled on a Monday-Wednesday part of the next phase of the enor Tuesday-Thursday format rollment boom. Spring registrawhich gives our students an option will be Jan. 6, 2009 on the tion to travel two days a week Greenville and MacArthur instead of three or four. Campuses and Jan. 7, 2009 on With recession shadowing the Andalusia Campus and at the stock market, LBWCC re- the Luverne Center.

mains optimistic about future The LBWCC Spring and enrollments. A recession leads Summer Class Schedules can to more "non-traditional" stu- be found on the college website dents, who are outside the tra- at www.lbwcc.edu. For more information regarding LBWCC please contact: Jan Riley, Andalusia Campus at 334-881-2281, Kathy Lowery, Greenville Campus at 334-383-6701, Gail Grimes, MacArthur Forget Campus at 334-493-5360, or Melissa Reeves, Luverne Center at 334-335-2187.



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Will fobotics replace troops in Iraq? Many people around the world are worried for their loved ones in the war and wish for an easier way to fight the war without the soldiers being harmed. In recent years, the army has been heavily involved in making these literal war machines work under the command of a human oldier. Word of this sparked interest in many Americans soon shot their hopes high that their soldiers will return and be resoon shot their hopes high that their soldiers will return and be resoldier. Word of this sparked interest in many Americans and for sportsplex during the sumplaced by metal. It will be a long time until humans are completely removed from the field of combat. Many of the robots will probably still need guidance, however,

because the robots lack the ability to think fully on their own. Whether it's the economy, ditional 18-22 age category. In Many robots are already in use to make and insure the safety of ing. LBW Community College have encouraged individuals to It is a relief to many to hear that there is a chance to fight a war

is seeing an enrollment boom. seek additional education to and know that all of our soldiers will be safer than before. All we With enrollment steadily grow- provide improved job can do is hope that these mechanical heroes can one day save the ing, LBWCC has set a record prospects. Published data lives of the many that serve and fight for our country.

mester, reflecting a pattern that classes decreases because peo-state officials have witnessed ple are working. Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank every time the economy spirals Unemployment also has an downward. Unemployment also has an looking for help with Holly Jolly Bags

turned to the Food Bank before pick up a bundle of bags and return them decorated by Dec. 11. charge. Offers an affordable approach to Holly Jolly bags are very important because the decorations, preciated as well.



Saturday · Dec. 6th

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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"Healthcare News Monitor"

Dry Skin? Don't Let Winter Win Dry winter air can cause your skin to crack, chafe, itch and develop dry patches, but there are a number of things you can do to protect your skin. During cold spells, your skin is constantly

Winter Skin Care Tips:

bombarded, dried out, and increasingly susceptible to infection.

. Drink six to eight glasses of water a day, because when we're properly hydrated, our skin ubricates itself from the inside.

. Don't take long, hot showers. Instead, take shorter, warm showers. The steam and heat associated with long, hot showers can draw out moisture on the skin and cause dryness. . Use lotions and creams to create a barrier that protects your skin against dryness. For best results, apply a product with ingredients such as shea butter and petrolatum immediately after a shower or bath, when your skin is still moist.

· Exfoliate regularly. This not only removes rough dry patches, but it promotes new cell growth and enhances the absorption of skin care products. Apply a moisturizer after exfoliating so that moisture brought to the surface doesn't immediately evaporate.

Don't use harsh soaps or cleansers, which contain preservatives, fragrances and lye that can irritate skin. Instead, use products that contain glycerin, which traps and maintains moisture. . Use a humidifier to counter the dry air created by furnaces and other heating devices. A humidifier in the bedroom can help combat dry skin,

· It's best to start taking care of your skin early in the winter, before dryness has a chance to set in. While we often neglect our skin, or only treat it for cosmetic reasons, it's important to remember that our skin is an organ, part of the body just like anything else, and requires constant care.

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sion of the vote.

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Thursday, December 11, 2008 1 Section, 12 Pages Plus 1 Adv. Insert

During Coffee County Commission meeting New Brockton mayor requests county's help with wastewater treatment project

by Linda Hodge, Editor lagoon; b) restrict any addi- Chapel During the meeting held tional inflow to the lagoon; Commissioners voted Monday morning, Dec. 8, or c) restrict/limit any new Monday to waive that fee. New Brockton officials hookups and/or taps to the Lolley also told commisrequested assistance from sewer system.

the Coffee County Herron warned commis- state is requiring various Commission sioners this mailouts, and she recomin regards to "New Brockton problem mended commissioners the town's needs help in pro- could potentially affect ing the state as the agent to treatment viding the the proposed mailout for the county. This

project. \$195,600 match- new expan- passed by a unanimous N e w ing funds for the jail facility. Also during Monday's Mayor upgrade of the With all meeting, commissioners Herron said westewater treet this said, voted to appoint Herron residence to the Herron Commissioner Dean Smith Herron said the town wastewater treat- requested the requested the Theorem Smith as vice chairman for the year.

recently was ment plant," said C offee They also voted to make sevawarded a New Brockton C o u n t y eral board replacements in state of the commission's state of the commission's \$400,000 Mayor Lenwood assist New representative on the respec-Community meeting.

Affairs) to upgrade its He said the town must pro- The mayor added that he vide a \$195,600 match was at Monday's meeting toward the completion of to see how the two entities

lagoon at the wastewater later date to see if or how Club.

ect cost is \$595,600. the preliminary engineering Jail uses approximately point of concern in that the fill.

es, result in daily fines of up to \$25,000 per violation each day for improper wastewater discharge. According to the mayor,

New Brockton has one of three choices; a) make the

Japanese firm visits Elba's Dorsey Trailer facility Hidiyaka Yamamoto, a very pleased that the vans, Dorsey Trailer manurepresentative of the Suzuki group is providing factures dry freight, elec-Suzuki Agricultural us the chance to introduce tronics, and deep drop fur-Cooperative, Hokkaido, the Dorsey name to the niture vans, as well as, flat

Yamamoto met with plant management and toured the facility in anticipation of exporting Dorsey's insulated vans to

"After much research, we are confident that Dorsey Trailer can accommodate our needs in the manufacture of these specialized trailers," said Yamamoto. "We look forward to a long-term relationship with Dorsey." The Suzuki Ag Cooperative transports veg-

etables and produce, as well as, beef and diary products, throughout the Japanese islands. The group has revenues of over \$750,000,000 a year. "This is an exciting



opportunity for Dorsey to Hidiyaka Yamamoto (center), a representative of enter a new market where Suzuki Agricultural Cooperative of Japan, recently visthe possibilities are virtual- ited the Dorsey Trailer facility of Elba. Yamamoto is ly endless," said David shown above with David Dorsey (left), general manager Dorsey, general manager of for Dorsey Trailers, and Chris English (right), regional Toys for Tots for the Christmas season. Call HRDC at Dorsey Trailer. "We are sales manager for the trailer company.



A D E C A Herron during Brockton tive boards/councils in need THE CHRISTMAS SEASON OFFICIALLY GOT UNDERWAY IN ELBA last A D E C A

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Department of Economic

The next Coffee County of the change.

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The next Coffee County of holiday delight as the parade made its way through downtown Elba. As is customer of the change.

Week when the Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual Elba Christmas Parade on Thursday, Dec. 4. From decorated floats to marching and equestrian units, there was plenty of holiday delight as the parade made its way through downtown Elba. As is customer of the change. a n d C o m m i s s i o n least \$65,200 be held Monday, Dec. 22, tom for the Elba Christmas Parade, jolly St. Nick was escorted through town by the Elba to be propor- at 9 a.m., in the community Fire Department. Santa took his seat atop one of the department's fire trucks and waived tionately dis- room of the county com- to all the boys and girls as the firefighters threw candy to everyone. Additional photos persed based plex in New Brockton. from this year's parade can be found on Page 11.

pictured above include: Tonya Jones, Rotary Club President; Laken Cooks; Kira Starks;

wastewater treatment plant. upon project construction. Elba Rotary Club donates dictionaries to Elba Elementary third graders

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer can work together so both On Friday, Dec. 5, the "New Brockton needs can benefit from this proj- third grade classes of Elba help in providing the ect. He told commissioners Elementary School were

\$195,600 matching funds there is time to work on it, given an early Christmas for the upgrade of the and he will come back at a present by the Elba Rotary treatment plant," Herron much the commission can As part of their annual service project, Blba The total estimated proj- In regards to business Rotary Club members from the county engineer, donated dictionaries to Herron added that commissioners voted each of the third graders at according to the town's Monday to give permission EES. Rotary Club

water superintendent and to send out bids for oils and President Tonya Jones, lubricants. They also voted along with Asst. Governor report, the Coffee County to approve a resolution of District 6880 Josh authorizing the chairman to Wilson, was on hand to one-third of the wastewater start negotiating with engi- make the presentation. flow to the lagoon. He said neers for a waste energy Jones said the Malone the project has a critical project at the county land- Family Foundation of Several Elba Elementary School third graders show off their new dictionaries as Alabama also sponsors the they pose for a picture with Elba Rotary Club representatives and school officials. Those

New Brockton lagoon is County administrator service project. under consent with ADEM Kathy Lolley said the Zion "Since it is Christmas, Zachary Cowart; Destiny Cole; Jeremiah Jordan; Josh Wilson, Asst. Governor - District (Alabama Department of Chapel Band Booster presi- we decided to give each of 6880; Ethan Roper; Avery Webster; Tanner Herrington; Elba City Schools Superintendent En vir on men tal dent Scott Hendrix attend- you a gift," said Jones Danny Weeks; and Elba Elementary School Principal LaKesha Brackins. Management) to make the ed a recent work session, while speaking the group of required improvements to and requested commission- students. "We hope you in their new dictionaries. Rotary Club for the gener- elementary schools and could, if ADEM so choos- night, Dec. 4, as a fund keep."

Jones also explained to the students the Rotary Club's "Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say, or Do." She also spoke of the word ethics to the students and asked them look

the lagoon or face fines. ers waive the fee for use of will be able to use these. After the presentation ous donation. Herron said failure to the farm center for a con- dictionaries at home and was made, the third graders Jones said dictionaries Chapel in the next week. make the improvements cert held last Thursday school. They are yours to all said a big "thank you" to also have been presented at Elba City Schools Jones, Wilson, and the Elba New Brockton and Kinston Superintendent Danny

Josh Wilson, Elba Rotary Club member and Assistant Governor of District 6880, assists the third graders as stop. The driver, Clisbe they "look up" the definition for the word ethics in their Donnaile Thomas, age new dictionaries during last Friday's presentation.

Area Happenings

HE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCA-ION will meet Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED: he annual Coffee County Salvation Army holiday and drive will continue each Friday and Saturday rough Saturday, Dec. 20. To volunteer to be a bell ager in Elba, call Barbara Turner at 897-5202 or risty Hickman at 897-2090.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HRDC) IS PARTNERING with 7-0881 or 897-2667 for more information.

will be presented at Zion

Weeks said he appreciated the Elba Rotary Club donating the dictionaries for the students to use.

NEWS BRIEF On Wednesday, Dec

3, at approximately 11 a.m., a Coffee County deputy conducted a traffic stop on Alabama Highway 134 west of nterprise for speeding. Coffee County Sheriff Department officials said: approximately \$2,000 worth of crack cocaine, three firearms, a small amount of marijuana and rescription narcotics were located inside the vehicle during the traffic 31, of Elba, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana - second degree. He also was arrested on a failure to

The passenger in the Johnson, age 30, of Level Plains, was charged with unlawful ossession of marijuan first degree. Both suspects report-

edly were transported to the Coffee County Jail to await bond.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS With Ferrin Cox

The \$10 million bonus reportedly being considered for Merrill Lynch's chief executive, John Thain, is "nothing less than shocking." For Merrill Lynch investors who have lost much of their, life savings it is probably grounds for hanging! Thain was hired last December and the firm reported losses for every quarter this year and has lost more than \$11 billion in 2008, For this guy who honestly thinks he deserves any bonus, especially \$10 million, is a prime example of what is wrong on Wall Street. If such abuse of investors is not gotten under control the U.S. economy will Department, beginning 125 (8:15 a.m.); Coffee (10:25 a.m.); Elba Fire Greenwood's patriotic hit, either not recover or be destined for collapse after collapse.

If not for Bank of America's takeover of Merrill, the old,

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investigated the following 125 (8:15 a.m.); Contect (10:25 a.m.); Elba File

County EMS dispatched to Department dispatched to brush fire on County Rd.

That was probably one of the coldest nights I've ever for the trash heap. Bonus - Ha!

The proposal by EPA to tax farmers and ranchers for the ment, one for assault, two for on County Rd. 377 (11:22 8413 County Rd. 239 (12:05 game before in my life, but gas their livestock produced is now history according to news releases from Washington. In fact they contend it was ing of a vehicle, two for theft reported on Dr. Roberts Dr. SUNDAY, DECEMBER the opportunity to see our never an issue. Of course that is after being flooded with opposition from thousands of those who would be impacted and bunches of lawmakers, including both Alabama Senators. Then by Sunday the jokesters were in full gear!

Their questions included them do not be impacted and bunches of lawmakers, including both Alabama Senators. Then by Sunday the jokesters were in full gear!

Their questions included them do not be impacted at 1621 crowd to their feet, and the opportunity to see our 10:08 p.m.).

The property one for possession that is after being flooded with opposition from thousands of those who would be impacted and bunches of lawmakers, including both Alabama Senators. Then by Sunday the jokesters were in full gear!

Their questions included them do not be impacted at 1621 crowd to their feet, and 10:08 p.m.). Their questions included 'how do you measure each cow's property, one for possession Hwy. 189 (7:06 p.m.). Caroline St. (4:53 a.m.); that's saying a lot on a output?', to threats of lawsuits because 'my cows are fed a of marijuana, one for burgla- WEDNESDAY, Domestic disturbance night when everyone was diet which includes "Beanos", etc.' were floating around. ry, one for domestic dispute, DECEMBER 3 - Coffee reported at 1621 Caroline St. doing everything they Our opinion was, and is, that it was originated as a back one for duty to remain at the County EMS dispatched to a (5:39 a.m.); Coffee County could to keep warm! door effort to get more money in Washington for the big scene, one for public intoxi- wreck on E. Davis St. (6:56 EMS dispatched to 417 It's also my understand-

You don't need a calender to know it is the Christmas sea- erty accident. son, just look at the crowds swarming the shopping malls. Arrest made during the disturbance reported at 824, 306 (3:01 p.m.); Coffee Records, There may be a recession ongoing all across America, but week included: two for First Ave. (6:19 p.m.); Hit County EMS dispatched to Congratulations Judson it hasn't stopped Santa's elfs from going about their work domestic violence, two for and run reported in the 731 Adams St. (7:45 p.m.). and keep on singing! with gusto. Often we wonder if these economic down times failure to appear, one for Family Dollar parking lot would be nationwide and/or as severe if there wasn't so assault, one for public intox- (6:58 p.m.). much in the news about bad times and how it was going to ication and one for negotiat-

It seems to be a natural human reaction for us to have pity Traffic citations issued house fire at the intersection for ourselves when we fail in our efforts to do something during the week were as fol- of Reynolds and Stoudemire others are doing and doing very well. It just is not our fault lows: one for a suspended (2:10 p.m.); Disturbance is how the inner justification starts. Yet looking around driver's license, one for reported at 716 Simmons St., here are others all around us with real obstacles to over- improper equipment, two for Apt. 5 (6:56 p.m.). come who actually succeed. Case in point is the story of failure to display insurance, FRIDAY, DECEMBER the 26 year old Arizona woman who just got her pilots driving without first obtain- 5 - Domestic disturbance licenses . . . This lady has no arms! However she does her ing a driver's license, one for reported at 1622 Stoudemire preflight work, including checking the oil, etc., gets in the an expired tag, one for dri- (12:07 a.m.); Coffee County plane (with seatbelt fastened) fires up the engine, flies the ver's license not in posses- EMS dispatched to 1248 plane and lands safely . . . using her bare feet on the con- sion, one for no insurance County Rd. 134 (5:02 a.m.); trols. We sent the old Army buddy (the one who is a retired and one for speeding. Domestic disturbance airline pilot) an e-mail with a wisecrack about his job not Daily activity highlights reported on Cordelia Ave. being anything special . . . apparently anyone can do it! were as follows: That set him on fire with the expected retorts but he did fol- MONDAY, DECEM- knife involved reported at low up about the new pilot and is now one of this young BER 1 - Elba Fire 1622 Stoudemire St. (12:24 woman's distant admirers. Of course he also conceded to Department dispatched to p.m.) our original opinion that it might be in her genes her 881 N. Claxton Ave. (6:56 SATURDAY, DECEMlast name is Cox. We never heard of her, nor her family, but a.m.); Coffee County EMS BER 6 - Domestic disturhave not admitted that to the old retired flyboy

A recent \$10 million lawsuit verdict Aug. 26, 2008 in Macon County to a patron of the Macon County Greyhound Park has set some folks on fire. Today we received an e-mail nominating Macon County to a place as a "Judicial Hellhole" in an upcoming report on such things by the American Tort Reform Association. We suspect that udgement will not hold up on appeal. It was decided by two judges each of whom didn't let it go to a jury.

Judson Vaughan named Troy University's Ilium Idol

ing a worthless non-nego- BER 4 - Elba Fire

Department dispatched to a

reported at 1623

Parker St. (10:02 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dis-

tiable instrument.

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EPORT A CRIME

ANONYMOUS

by Linda Hodge, Editor the university.

Back in late October, we Eddie and Melinda community events and has grandparents, family and published a news release Vaughan of Elba, and to always been a very talent- friends, he was named the

of the Troy Trojans football game as he joined the Sound of the South in I am definitely glad I got

Elba Police Report The Elba Police dispatched to 19016 Hwy. patched to 1532 Reese Ave. formance of Lee

incidents: eight for domestic a.m.); Elba Fire Department 404 (11:45 a.m.); Coffee the coldest nights I've ever violence, two for harass- dispatched to a vehicle fire County EMS dispatched to sat outside to watch a ballunlawful breaking and enter- a.m.); Fight in progress p.m.).

cation, one for a welfare a.m.); Burglary of soda Cordelia Ave. (7:53 a.m.); ing that as the Ilium Idol, check and one private prop- machines reported in front of Coffee County EMS dis- Judson will have a record-Fred's (7:28 a.m.); Domestic patched to 3875 County Rd. ing produced by Hium

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GEORGE LAMAR

Mr. George Lamar AL 36104. Collier, age 82, of Mr. Collier was preceded Michelle Rushing (hus- June 5, 1923 in North Montgomery, Ala., died in death by his wife of 53 band Marty) Overton, Carolina to the late Thomas Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at years Mary Florence Coker, Ala.; two grand- and Flottie Puryear Harris. Jackson Hospital in (Poncy) Collier. Montgomery, Ala.

Manufactures Association, Beth) Collier, Troy, Ala.; Rushing, all of Elba. vice-president of Constar four granddaughters:

Mims, George Drummond Aplin, both of Millstadt, Aplin, Schuyler Logan Ill.; and a brother: Sam Horizon Vault & Monument Collier, Seth Harris Collier, Collier, Birmingham, Ala. William Brock Collier and

Sam Hixon Collier. The Collier family RUSHING

The family of Walter ed in death by his parents, A.C. Parks would like to Lena Frances Hodge express their appreciation Rushing and Alto P. to everyone for all the Birdie Rushing. cards, flowers, visits, food, Survivors include one phone calls and their son: Wesley Rushing (wife prayers that was done dur- Jennifer Flowers), Elba; ing the illness and death of our loved one. Special thanks to Dr. Lance Dyess and First Choice Hospice & their office for the love and care that they showed to our Family.

The Parks Families 12-11-1tp

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or visit the website:
www.inobaptist.com.
• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every.

Thursday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for . SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213 or vis the website at www.ssa.gov.

ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday
Noon-First First Baptist Church . ELBA CTTY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City . WATER & ELECTRIC

Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall • ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. -2nd Thursday of the month - 1 a.m. in the conference room Elba General Hospital • GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPevery Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-enter or side on W. Davis St.-Maggio Garrett Classroom.

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daughters: Angel Victoria Her husband, Jonathan Survivors include his Flowers Rushing, Elba, Willis, brothers, Willie, George Collier was born daughter: Mary (husband Amanda Overton, Coker; Bailey, J.C., Oliver and in Elba on July 5, 1926. He Bruce) Mims, Cape two grandsons: Jonathon Edsel Harris, sisters, Lona was employed at Dorsey Girardeau, Mo.; three sons: Robert Boothe, Northport, Mae Ramey, Elizabeth Trailers in 1949 and served George Clive (wife Lori) Brandon Overton, Coker, Harris, Ester Harris and as president from 1959 Collier, Minden, La., one sister: Totsye Rushing, Patty Alford, all preceded until his retirement in Samuel Claude (wife and three brothers: her in death. 1987. He was president of Jackie) Collier, Kennesaw, Wallace Rushing, Jerry Survivors include a the Truck - Trailers Ga., John Brock (wife Rushing and Sylvester daughter: Theresa

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> JAMES DANIEL Caring service when it matters the most

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Jones and Rev. Ray Layton

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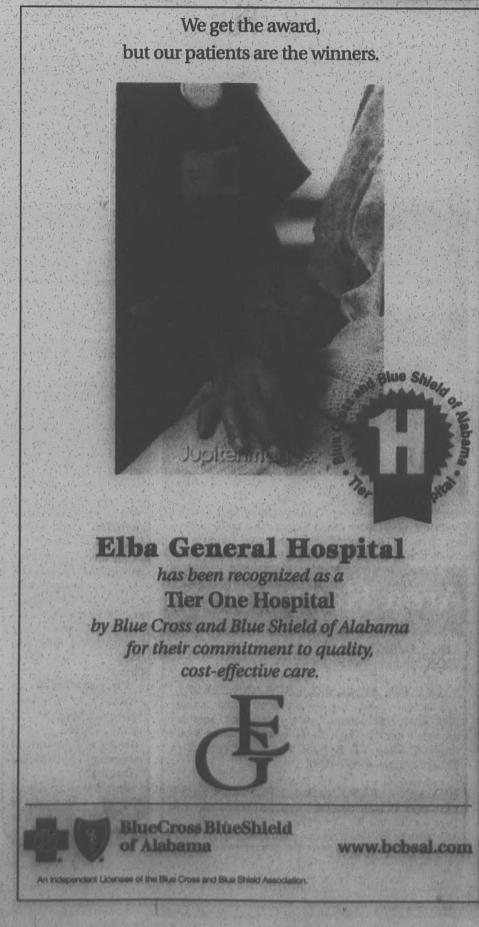
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An American soldier was facing his first combat since Following this special servenlisting in the army. His heart was pounding as the blasting of machine guns and bombs were exploding Catholics Returning Home program to be offered SCRIPTURE: James 2:1- Kelvin Burks and Psalmist all around him. Tears rolls down his cheek as he thinks of by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 26 his family back in America, wondering if he would ever St. John the Evangelist Video on returning see them again. He knew this was real and was terrified Catholic Church, 123 Heath Catholics; Church Today; THINKING OF YOU, musicians are welcome. For to move, much less to fight in a war. Could he really pull Street, Enterprise, will be Explanation of the Mass; PRAYING FOR YOU: more information contact the trigger when it got down to it? He never really shot a conducting their 3rd year of Explanation of the Rev. F. L. Flowers, Jessie Kelvin Burks – (251) 229gun, especially at another human being. He is tired and a program, Catholics Sacrament hungry and has a sick feeling in his stomach hoping he Returning Home. Six ses- Reconciliation; and Our Henry Waters, Lillie M. 493-7974, Catherine Burks would wake up from this dream and all this would be over sions will be held on Faith, What Catholics McGowan, Jack Daniels, - (334) 493-7346, Tammy

Yet, he knew what he was doing was something he believes in Freedom! He was willing to put his life on the St. John's from 5 p.m. to gram, contact the coordinator, Baker, King believes in Freedom! He was willing to put his life on the line for his family, friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to who are seeking answers to who are seeking answers to the line for his family, friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family, friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family, friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family. The line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and even those he doesn't know who are seeking answers to the line for his family friends and the line family friends and the line

As I sit at my desk I think of another individual and how The six sessions will the church office at 347- Maretta Carpenter-He must have felt that early morning day, when He was include: Welcome and 6751. beaten, mocked and then volunteered to carry a heavy Overview of the Program; cross up a hill to be crucified because of our sins. I wonder what was going through his mind when the solders began The Story of Christmas comes alive at writer said. "When he was on the cross I was on his mind". St. Luke United Methodist Church-Enterprise December 12th

We are approaching "Christmas" in a few weeks. What Angels, shepherds, sol- view the stain glass win- Wright- December 10, does Christmas have to do with Jesus' death? God's divine diers, Caesar, Mary and dows featuring crosses creplan was for Jesus to be born a virgin birth, live a sinless

Joseph come alive for two

life, and then die for our sins. I want to encourage you to

think of the great gift God has offer to the world. His Son,

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beginning at 7 p.m. The feathink of the great gift God has offer to the world. His Son, Methodist Church in vaged from the damage. WORD AND PRAISE tured singers will be The Jesus! Have you received it? By faith you can open your Enterprise presents the Live "From this tragedy came REVIVAL will be held Sullivan Family. heart and ask Jesus into your heart. Do it today, and then heart and ask Jesus into your heart

Basic Electrical Wiring offered at LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

College will offer a course ing circuits, and basic con- United Methodist Church. There is no admission in Basic Electrical Wiring venience outlet circuits. "Christmas is a season of charge. Parents are encour-

Education and Workforce __ Development Division: The introductory course is designed to provide students with fundamental information about electricity, electrical safety, and basic electrical circuits. Topics to be covered in the 20 contact hour course include: electrical safety, this Sunday! basic electrical theory, residential electrical service,

Newbia Baptist Church choir to present annual Christmas Cantata December 21st

Newbia Baptist Church, .ice, finger foods will be located on Coffee County served in the fellowship Road 330, will present its hall. annual Christmas cantata Everyone is invited to Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. attend.

the Catholic Church. available Monday-Friday at ANNIVERSARIES: questions about returning to Information will also be

To view the St. Luke Live Wednesday and Thursday December 14. "It's very much a com- Nativity the public is night speaker will be munity tradition as this is encouraged to approach the Kelvin Burks, founder of Deadline For Church the 16th year our congrega- church from the west on Saints with a Purpose tion will present the nativi- Heath Street. A candle lit Ministries. Friday night ty," said Reverend Glenn path will direct traffic will be a gospel concert LBW Community basic lighting and switch- Butler, pastor of St. Luke through the display with The Knight Family,

January 27 - February 26, The cost of the course is giving and the Live aged to bring children and 2009. The course will meet \$90.00 per person. Nativity is a dramatic gift church buses are welcome. each Tuesday and Thursday Advance registration is the members of the church For more information call from 6 to 8 pm in the requested. For more infor- present to the Enterprise Judy Blackwell at 347-Industrial Electronics mation or to register, con- area," Rev. Butler said. 4721 or 477-7163. Department on the tact Cindy Green on the "This year the gift has spe-MacArthur Campus in Opp. MacArthur Campus at cial meaning," said Judy This is a non-credit course (334) 493-5344 or Blackwell, publicity chairoffered by the Adult cgreen@lbwcc.edu. man of the nativity. "The pleted the repairs made Program planned at

necessary by the March Mt. Zion Baptist Church 2007 tornado."

Special Christmas

The church is located Everyone is invited to across from the high school attend the Christmas profootball field and received gram, "Jesus Christ is the major damage from the Same Yesterday, Today and storm. Repairs to the sanc- Forever" at Mt. Zion Baptist tuary were completed in Church (Mixson November. Crossroads) on Sunday,

Round and About With Eria 897-2006

December 8, Jerry Siler-

Charlotte- December 9

Gladys

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of Coleman, Vernon Harris, 0433, Adean Sims - (334) Sunday evenings, begin- Believe. For more informa- Debra Siler, Rev. Andrew Knight - (334) 389-1627, ning on Jan. 4 in Room 9 at tion on this refresher pro- Baker, Lucy Ricks, Robert or Pastor Grace Daniels -

December 9, Ronnie and Sasser's Mill Assembly of God (Wedding Anniversary), to host a gospel singing Friday,

Purvis- December 10, Clara A gospel singing will be

News Is Monday!



Dec. 24 -Come and Go Holy Communion 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Dec. 21- Advent Worship 10 a.m. Service of Advent Scriptures & Carols Dec. 22/23 - Live Manger Scene (In Front of

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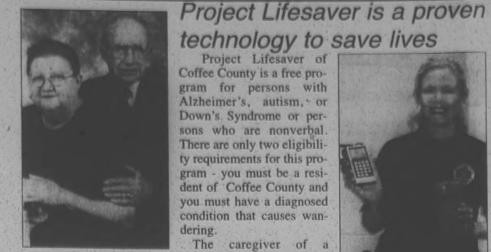
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find the client when they are Club The reception will be reported lost. Saturday, December 20, As of April 17, nation- offices, 6 police depart 2008 at the Zion Chapel wide 1,670 clients were ments, 3 fire departments, 1 Senior Center, Hwy. 87, reported lost and 1,670 were emergency management Jack, Ala., from 2:00 p.m. found alive, It's all about agency, 1 volunteer fire finding a person missing as department, and 1 rescue No gifts please. Your soon as possible, as that squad have an ongoing presence will be their gift. sometimes means the differ- Project Lifesaver Program

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Resource tia, I with autism, I with on the management of this Development Corporation Down's syndrome, and 1 program and has been certi-(HRDC) is partnering with with seizures and memory fied as a tracker and as an Toys for Tots for the loss. Christmas season. All chil- Project Lifesaver has visits each client at least dren must be under 15 years been instrumental in once each month to change old as of December 25, increasing the efficiency of the batteries in their 2008 (proof of age is public safety agencies by bracelets. If that patient required). Deadline for reducing costs, saving valu- were to wander off and get application is December 10, able man hours, and provid- lost, Deputy Stokes could 2008. Call HRDC at 347- ing preventive help for per- track them with a car anten-0881 or 897-2667 for more sons in need.

Delegate to Mock Convention of Enterprise recently paid needed in Coffee County

over 800 times adding 25 orm.org or (205) 437-0951.

amendments during last month's general election. "The state's 1901 Constitution is very inefficient and wastes tax payer's dollars," says Mark Berte, the ACCR Foundation's Grassroots Education Director. "In addition, "We, the People" tax our families further into poverty, give too much control of our local affairs to the legislature and under-fund our schools because this fundamentally-flawed document."As is shown in the "It's a Thick Book" documentary (provided for free

on the ACCR Foundation's Students complete Medical Coding Training Offered by site: www.constitutionalreform. LBWCC - MacArthur Campus org, there were 32 Alabama counties in 1901 that voted Pictured are nine stu- Registeration is open for Program is a credit proagainst the ratification of dents who recently com- the Spring 2009 Medical gram that results in the our current constitution. pleted Medical Coding Coding training to be held awarding of a short certifi-Almost 52% of the electraining offered by LBW January 8 - April 30, 2009. cate available to students torate in Coffee voted not to Community College. Front This is an opportunity to who wish to complete other

The Mock Convention Jacqueline Thomas, Elba; may enroll in one of two well as medical coding. Steering Committee, which Amy Rayborn, Opp; programs on the For more information or includes people such as for- Kendra Brackin, Opp; Erin MacArthur Campus in Opp to register, contact Cindy mer Alabama Supreme King, Crestview, FL. Back to receive their training. A Green at (334) 493-5344 or Court Chief Justice Row (left to right): Jenny 15-week, non-college cred- cgreen@lbwcc.edu regard-Gorman Houston, is Adams, Instructor; Tammy it study course is available ing the 15-week study recruiting community lead- Ramer, Opp; Sonya for students who wish to course. Contact Tammye ers to take part in this edu-Hartzog, Opp; Donna focus strictly on preparing Merida at (334) 493-5357 cation initiative. To be a (Lynn) Mills, Coffee for the national certifica- or tmerida@lbwcc.edu 2009 Mock Convention Springs; Jeryl Miller, tion exam to become a regarding the Health delegate, a person must Florala. Not Pictured is Certified Professional Information Technician have lived in the state Kathryn house district for more than Andalusia.

The Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform (ACCR) Foundation, a non-partisan, education organization, is hosting a Mock Convention next year to help people better understand the process of a constitutional convention. Each one of the state's 105 house districts will have a standards which will take effect in February 2009. Deputy Stokes recently spoke to the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise to show them the new equipment to meet the new standards which will take effect in February 2009. Deputy Stokes recently spoke to the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise to show them the new equipment they had purchased. In speaking to the Enterprise Civitan Club she gave a demonstration of how the system actually works. Deputy Stokes left military service members.

ence between life and death. The program is adminis-

In Alabama, 31 sheriff's antenna for 100 yards, and a

instructor. Deputy Stokes

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helicopter up to 10 miles.

The Luncheon Pilot Club

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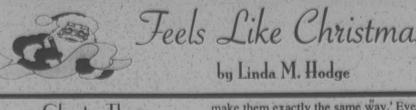
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house districts will have a delegate, and they are searching for someone to serve from Coffee County. Alabama's 1901 Constitution, which is our state's sixth governing document, can be changed one of two ways: 1) by amend
how the system actually works. Deputy Stokes left the meeting room, the bracelet was given to a Civitan member, and upon returning to the meeting room, Deputy Stokes located their local delegate. People interested in serving on that committee, should contact.

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Chapter I hree

hrough the boxes they had brought into the living room. Each article pulled from a box seemed to bring a new delight to Grammie's face. "What's this?" Amanda asked as she pulled out a card that contained what kids?" appeared to be a recipe.

"Oh my!" Grammie exclaimed. "I naven't seen that in years."-Amanda wasn't exactly sure why this her grandmother, but it was evident there vas a story behind this one.

"That brings back such wonderful nemories." "How's that Grammie?" "That's the recipe for Santa's cookies."

"Santa's cookies?" "One of my most favorite Christmas nemories was helping my mother bake ookies for Santa. I always wanted to

nake my favorite cookie...chocolate Santa's favorite as well." Grammie's face lit up as she spoke of naking cookies for Santa. It was almost is if talking about it helped her relive a happy memory from the past. She had

the look of someone overcome with joy when an old friend shows up to visit. "I was determined each year to make the best chocolate chip cookies Santa had been searches for 24 clients for Coffee County is Deputy ever tasted," Grammie continued her in Alabama - 17 with Candi Stokes. She has story. "This one year, I decided I had Alzheimers, 3 with demen-received extensive training accomplished my goal. I had made the best cookies that could ever be made. If Santa remembered any cookies from his

> hocolate chip cookies!" "Those must have been some pretty good cookies," Amanda smiled as she picked at Grammie. "You have no idea," Grammie said

laughing. "As we finished baking the cookies, I announced to Mother that we had done it...we had made the best chocolate chip cookies ever. Santa was going to be so pleased." "What'd she say?"

"She just smiled and said, 'well then, we must write down everything we did

make them exactly the same way.' Every year from then on, I'd pull my recipe ou on Christmas Eve and we'd follow it Amanda and Grammie began shuffling

> "Let me guess. Every year, they were always the best ever." "Absolutely! It was the magic of the

"Did you use the recipe with your

"Best I remember, it got lost for a while somewhere along the way, and I don't think we ever used this particular

particular recipe had such an impact on favorite cookie anyway. That always recipe. Of course they all had a different made cookie time real interesting around

"I'm sure it was, especially knowing my dad."

"I am so glad we came across it again today, though," Grammie returned her thoughts to the recipe. "The memory is so very precious to me, and it warmed my heart to be able to share it with you."

"Me too, Grammie. Me too." The two continued to rifle through the chip...because I just knew it had to be boxes, and Grammie often would stop momentarily to reflect on the meaning of various items. Before they knew it, several hours had passed.

"My goodness, look at the time," Grammie said as she suddenly realized how much time had passed. "I didn't mean to keep you this long. I'm sorry."

"You don't owe me an apology Grammie. I've had the best time going through this stuff with you. This was great! Thanks for sharing."

"It was fun wasn't it? I just wish we all would do this more often." As Grammie made her wish, a light Christmas Eve travels, it would be my bulb went off in Amanda's head. She knew exactly what she needed to do for Grammie this Christmas. It would not be

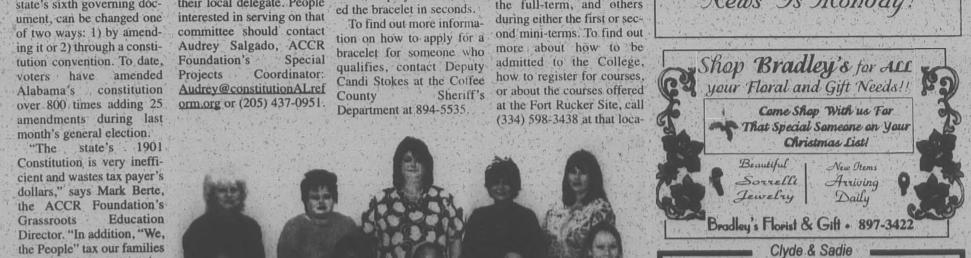
easy, but she had to do it. "Hey, Grammie. Do you mind if I take some of this stuff home to look at a little

"Of course not, dear."

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Kizzy Lovelace, a current English teacher at EHS, wel-

Larry Goodson, retired Auto/Tech teacher, catches up

with Superintendent Danny Weeks and Co-Op director

comes retired librarian, Margaret Calhoun.

SCHOOLS



Teacher Spotlight

TIGERS

by LanChessica Cross This week's teacher spot-

light shines on Ms. Cal Donnia Howard. Ms. Howard graduated from Citronelle High School then attended Alabama A&M University where she received her Bachelor's degree. She then went to Alabama State to earn her Master's degree.

Cal Donnia Howard Ms. Howard has been a the environment around Special Education teacher Elba High School. Her at Elba High School for favorite thing about Elba is many years. She wanted to the people and their will-

touch the lives of others, so ingness to assist others. she became a teacher. Ms. Howard has one Her favorite thing about daughter named Brandi. teaching is the enjoyment. Her hobbies include spendof observing the students' ing time with family and smiling faces after success- friends, travelling, shop-



Monday - Blueberry Monday - Chicken & Noodles, Sylvia Padgett catches up with her former colleague, Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Green Peas, Corn, Roll, Sweet Potato, Milk Tuesday - French Toast Tuesday - Chili w/Beans, Sticks w/Syrup, Link Cheese Sandwich, Mixed

Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Vegetables, Crackers, Peach Cup, Milk Wednesday - Breakfast | Wednesday - Beef Nuggets Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Buttered Carrots, Roll, Ice Cream, Milk Thursday - Biscuit Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater week. w/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Tots, California-Style

Friday - Cheese Grits, Milk

Juice, Milk

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Tea held recently for retired teachers of Elba High School

The Family and Consumer Science department at Elba High School recently hosted a tea for teachers who have etired from EHS. Current teachers and administrators enjoyed visiting

with their former colleagues and mentors. Here are a few

cenes from the event ...

Sylvia Padgett, retired French and English teacher, is excited to visit with Amelia Rhoades, retired English



Student Spotlight

Ingrid Clark, who is a retired keyboarding teacher.

by Richi Singletary

Reality Singletary is in the student spotlight this

Reality, the 13-year-old Cureton and the late Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Friday - Peanut Butter & Jelly Richard Singletary, is anim eighth-grade student at Elba High School. She is a member of the Junior High girls basketball team and aspires to play varsity basketball one day. EHS teachers describe

larly on the Honor Roll. When not in school or on the girls have done, was The girls see that broad-She works hard in her the basketball court, Reality produced to excite children cast journalism is a chance school work and on the enjoys spending time with about reading. The girls to connect with the students court, and her pleasant friends and family, espe- admitted it was a difficult and teachers both at Elba

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Reality Singletary Reality as a soft-spoken manner is an incredible Elementary School. because we did this project people-pleaser who is regu- exemplar for her peers. This, the first project that for them."

show project to kindergarten students by **Kichi Singletary** es the students during their work, and she has been On December 2 and 3, pleased with the program's Marrita Levens and results. Travionne Craighead, two Marrita said, "It was a members of the EHS wonderful experience! I Broadcast Journalism pro- enjoyed doing this project." gram, produced a video to Travionne added, "I had

show to the kindergarten fun. I was happy that the students of Elba children were excited

cially her brother, task working with the new High and Elba Elementary Richreana. She also enjoys was worthwhile to see that great learning experience texting; talking on the the kindergarteners really that can get them ready for phone and watching televi- enjoyed the video. all types of things they will Mrs. Jane Moseley advis- encounter in the world.

C.C.S. "Tigers with Character" Club

Elba Elementary School students continue to show good character. In order to be admitted to the "Tigers with Character" club, students must show Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship in word or deed. These students have been admitted to the "Tigers with Character" club:



Aalivah Gamio, Britni Sirmons. Michael Smith, Dalton Parrish, Martavious Gray,



SCHOOLS

New Brockton High School News Sponsor: Lori Cotney

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: MELANIE RIGNEY

Subject and Grades Taught: Spanish, 7-10 How many years have you taught at NBHS? 1 Do you sponsor any clubs? Spanish Club Name of spouse? Jeff.

Where are you from originally? Dayton, OH From what high school and college did you graduate? Xenia Christian High School (2003)/ Cedarville University (2006)

What are your hobbies? Organizing, Movies. Crossword puzzles

What do you like about the subject you teach? an island, what one thing tant to you? Fame of trouble. Why do you think it's important? Well, I think you're never done learning.

What's your favorite

an island, what one thing would open a what do you miss from hew things.

business of your own your home the most?

What is the biggest differstronger relationships with what kind would it be?

Wedding Planning

Wedding Planning studying another language Fiction. allows me to think about it What's your favorite often. Spanish is also fun book? Dark Tower Series

Organization, Proper what thou art is mine; our with our great, little, south- place in the world to have Alabama certainly qualifies big heart.

your mind/mindset.

environment.

tion that I just answered. London, and Paris. Homecoming Parade, we don't do that up north! If you could travel to a different time era, to New Brockton students discuss their "favorite" faculty members

year an easy one? Why el and why? 1950's - 10 because it is my first year fascinating. fun too.

Tips for reading Manga Lamb, He does a great job

Manga, also known as understand it reread it, or well they understand that Graphic Novels, originally ask a True Manga Fan to subject better than others. came from Japan. They help you. started to appear shortly 4. There is always a manga after World War 1.

4. There is always a manga just like the teacher as a person as well person as well.

after World War 1. that well make you think.

Even though they are 5 Many manga will have person as well.

This seems to be case similar to comic books, violence. they are definitely not 6. Never give up on trying comic books. They are to read a manga, its like drawn out stories usually math you'll eventually get with a message, idea, or it.

Ohba Tsugumi, was about a young man that found a notebook with the power to kill just by writing the person's name in it. The idea of the story is to show how power corrupts even the purest of people. On the other hand D. Gray-Man is a religious manga about God leaving "innocents" a material that gives special people the ability to fight "akuma" or demons. The story also contains the devil, or "The

even religious view. Death Note, a series by

the main conflict of the There are many types of manga in the world like sports, school life; drama, and even horror. Some good starting mangas would be Bleach, Eye Shield 21, D. Gray-Man, and Death Note.

Tips for Reading Manga! 1. Most manga is read from right to left. 2. The only exception to rule 1 is manhwa, or Korean manga. (it is read Seasons

Greetings

If you were a wrestler Where are you from? in a tag-team match for Oksana: The Ukraine

Melanie Rigney

2. Creative 3. Loquacious

to use. It is important by Stephen King.

What do you do to What is your favorite Brockton; there are actually it was the first city to have cial. I would bet that New Brockton and became reach students? Listen
Other than your subOther than your subwith thee, Death is to me as

One is in Montana, and tem in the world where simple, and happy.

One is in Montana, and tem in the world where simple, and happy. ject, what's the most Life; So forcible within my another is in Thomas Edison, himself. No matter where I go, I schools were formed first important thing you try heart I feel The Bond of Massachusetts. Of course hit the on switch for the doubt anywhere can com- desegregated, then segreto teach students? Nature draw me to my both are cold and exciting, first time (1883), and that pare with our cozy little gated Now, New Brockton

when someone asks a ques- Spain, then to Italy, ulation is 94,304 people, and even the guy who John Brock. Back in the old home. I love the place Describe a memorable Have you ever had a plymouth County as has glove. Brockton, it was also called sweet home in New event or funny moment different career? been around since before I never thought I would a "mule town". Brockton, Alabama you've had at NBHS. The Pharmaceutical Technician 1649. Brockton is referred say this, but there is a town Brockton back then was

Are you finding this what era would you tray- by Brittany Clarke with Junior Tori James, most students love Mrs. Crosby, many students or why not? It has defi- was a time of major transi- It's not usually a secret when you need her the Many said they understand class fun and interesting. nitely been challenging tion in the U.S. It would be how students feel about most," says Tori. math better because of Mrs. while others are thrilled teaching, but it has been If you could have a box- this article are just a few dents it was discovered that Regarding Coach cult ing match with any his- opinions

teaching math."



OM THE COCKPIT Two foreign exchange students attending NBHS this school year

by Anna Beth Sawyer

This year NBHS is proud have two foreign Oksana Katsanivska and Vanessa Viloria are both would it be and why? seniors this year and living None, I don't box. (I would with Lance and Jessie Wood.

the world championship, Vanessa: Caracas, Venezula who would you pick as What's the biggest differyour partner? The Human ence between the Torch, AKA Johnny Storm, teenagers where you live

song of all time? More where I live, there are so erally different from my doing SOMETHING! Panting/Drawing, three words, 1. Particular than Words, many activities that we can school at home. Fame, money, power. do and we are constantly Vanessa: I like it! The edu the same as in how busy we If you were stranded on Which one is least impor- busy and that keeps us out cation system is very differ- are, but we live so much

Oksana Katsanivska because he would smoke and American teenagers? Vanessa: My friends and between New Brockton the competition. Oksana: In the Ukraine, family, beautiful weather, and your home? Pretend you are a sand- we have more freedom and and the capacity to go and Oksana: My family at wich. Which lunchmeat there are fewer limitations do what I want. home isn't so "on the go" would you be? Turkey, it is on what we can and cannot How do you like school at all the time. We take time



delicious and good for you. do. NBHS? just to relax at home; where What is your favorite Vanessa: In the big city. Oksana: I like it! It is gon, as in the U.S. we are always

ent and it's good to try out, closer to our family and

that his class isn't too diffi-

Editorial: A look at the "three Brocktons" by Brandi Hendrix

Most of us call New to as the "City of that has a smaller popula like the Enterprise of today because it forces you out of To what kind of music Brockton our home town. Champions". tion than ours, that town is Everyone would ride their your comfort zone. You can do you like to listen? A lit- lit's small, quaint, and cozy. During the Civil War, Brockton, Montana, The mules into town and trade learn your own language the of everything. I judge Everybody knows every- Brockton was the leading population is a frightening all day. The town would be better by trying to learn each song individually. My body, and life is somewhat producer of shoes. 245 people. another, and it expands favorite genre is probably simple. But did you know Brockton has many firsts: This small area isn't. After the city caught fire pop. there is more than I among them is the fact that known for anything spectific place was renamed

Common Sense, own, My own in thee, for but nothing can compare Brockton was the first town. New Brockton, is a care free town with a

English Grammar! state cannot be severed, we ern town. an electrically operated fire as a small place. The popular argue that What do you like about are one, one flesh; to lose Brockton, Massachusetts thee were to lose myself."

Brockton, Massachusetts station the U.S. lation is 1,250 people. We brockton, Massachusetts have one stop light and a would be a beautiful place brockton, Massachusetts are one, one flesh; to lose myself."

Brockton, Massachusetts brockton, Massachusetts are one, one flesh; to lose myself."

Brockton, Massachusetts brockton, Massachu School? It's a friendly John Milton Paradise Lost Brockton. Brockton is home to many well gas station. To where would you became a city on April 9, known American people. New Brockton has been. Montana would be nice. Do you have a pet most like to travel? I 1881. Their buildings are such as actors, singers, around for a long time. The but there is only one place peeve? My #1 pet peeve is would like to go back to old and elaborate. The pop- boxers, baseball players, town was founded by Mr. on this Earth that I call my

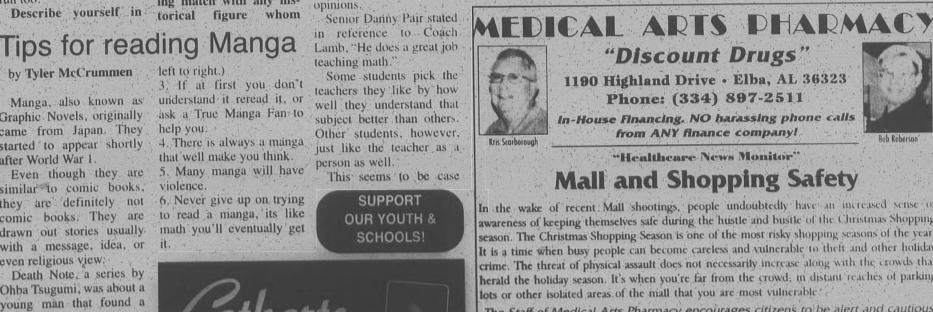
The city is located in invented the baseball days, it was known as just where I reside; home,

their teachers. Featured in In discussions with stu- Durham.

Some students pick the

Other students, however,

OUR YOUTH & SCHOOLS!



"Mrs, Taylor is there Durham and Coach Crosby, have said he makes the

In the wake of recent Mall shootings, people undoubtedly have an increased sense of awareness of keeping themselves safe during the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Shopping season. The Christmas Shopping Season is one of the most risky shopping seasons of the year, It is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The threat of physical assault does not necessarily increase along with the crowds that herald the holiday season. It's when you're far from the crowd, in distant reaches of parking lots or other isolated areas of the mall that you are most vulnerable.

The Staff of Medical Arts Pharmacy encourages citizens to be alert and cautious while shopping. Don't let criminals be your "scrooge" this holiday. Taking a few prevention measures to help you be more careful, prepared and aware will keep your holiday season joyous.

• Don't overload yourself with packages. Make several trips to your vehicle. . If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend. If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lighted place.

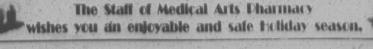
• Park in well-lighted areas. Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed: Lock packages in the trunk. Never leave packages or anything of value visible in your vehicle. If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously. This includes backpacks, gym bags, GPS units, MP3 players, and so forth. Someone may be watching when you put items under/behind seat or throw something over them. An opportunistic thief is on the lookout for "trunk-packing", and can break into your car the minute you're out of sight.

· Carry only the charge cards you will need. Never allow your credit card to leave your sight · Carry your purse next to your body with the flap against you. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.

Be aware of your surroundings. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages. Walk with authority and always make eye contact with those around you. When returning to your vehicle, carry your keys in your hand and be ready to unlock the door and enter as quickly as possible. As you approach your vehicle, scan the area, glance underneath the vehicle, and take a quick look inside before entering

• Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they ever get separated from you in a store/mall, and be sure they know their first and last name so they can tell someone who they are.

If using an ATM use one in a busy, well lit area and have a friend along. Visit ATM's only at well-lighted and populated locations; visit during daylight hours if possible. Using the drive-up is usually safer than walking up or into a facility. Remember to scan around you as you make your withdrawal. Many ATMs now have "fisheye" mirrors mounted above the keyboard to enable you to view the entire surrounding area while conducting business; try to patronize ATMs so-equipped, and use the mirror!





SPORTS

VIEWS FROM

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

I took a walk around the yard one night last week and and came home with a 1-2 Lady Bulldogs. The Lady came back in convinced we have more Christmas decora- record after suffering a 56- Tigers' Jacquetta Whitfield tions now than we did back years ago before the girls went 32 loss. off to college. I don't know if it because we have more The Tigers kept the game time left on the clock to time to put up the decorations, get bored and have nothing close in the first half and send the game into overelse to do or just get a little more excited because hopeful- appeared ready to pull off time, but the Lady Bulldogs ly the girls will come home over the holidays and spend a the upset, but the Bulldogs outscored Elba 7-5 in the little time with the family. Oh well, maybe all the decoratook command after inter-extra period to pull out the tions will lead the girls back to the house.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH ...

*** The Elba Tigers evened their record at 2-2 last week points and pulled down 11 Flowers added 12 points with a big road win over Kinston and a look at the sched-rebounds to lead Pike and grabbed 14 rebounds. ule reveals the Tigers will be very busy in the weeks to County, while Quan Bailey The Elba Tiger JV come as they get into the meat of their regular season added 10 points, 7 rebounds remained winless with a schedule and also compete in two of the top holiday tour- and 8 assists and Martellis 34-26 loss to Pike County. naments in this part of the state. The Tigers will open play Foster added 14 points and Corey Carlton led the in the Andalusia Christmas Tournament tonight (Thursday) 8 rebounds. with a clash against cross-county rival Enterprise, while the weekend after Christmas they will travel to Ozark to Elba Tigers to compete in 26th compete in the Holiday Prep Classic and will oppose Luverne in opening round action. Second-ranked Andalusia and 6A Enterprise will be the picks to take home annual Holiday Prep Classic the top prize in the Andalusia tournament, while the Ozark

The pairings for the 26th SATURDAY, DEC. 27 event will include such powers as Andalusia, Eufaula, Randolph-Clay, Enterprise, Abbeville, Barbour County, Opelika and Bullock County. While it is easy to see the Tigers will have their hands full in both events, the experience gained should pay dividends later on when they get into area play.

The pairings for the 26th annual Dothan Clay vs. Charles Henderson Eagle/Southern Star Holiday Prep Classic were released last week and 8:00 (Game 5) Randolph-Clay vs. Charles Henderson 6:30 (Game 6) McIntosh vs. Robertsdale released last week and 8:00 (Game 7) Eufaula vs.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers grabbed their first win of the season Friday night in Kinston and used their quickness team field were the Elba 9:30 (Game 8) Elba vs. season Friday night in Kinston and used their quickness Tigers. and aggressive style of play to wear down the Lady Bulldogs and leave with the win. The Lady Tigers are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive expectations are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive expectations are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive expectations are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive expectations are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive expectations are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive expectations are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive end of the court, and if they can learn and gain expessive expectations are relentless on defense and never slow down on the offensive expectation. rience every time they take the court they could very well p.m. when they take the 6:30 (Game 10) Game 2

be a team to keep an eye on in the weeks to come.

*** A look around the area after a couple of weeks of high school action revealed what appeared to be a very the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 4 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 7 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 8 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 9 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 9 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 9 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 9 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 9 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 9 the schedule on day two of winner vs. Game 8 winner 9 the schedule on day two of winner 9 the schedule 9 the schedule on day two of winner 9 the schedule 9 competitive and exciting season ahead. In boys play the schedule on day two of the five-day event held at 9:30 (Game 12) Game 1 Brantley and New Brockton look solid and should win more than their share of games, while Kinston has the Following is the complayers to win on any given night and Zion Chapel should steal some wins along the way. In girls play, Brantley has one of the most exciting players around in Eisha Person FRIDAY, DEC. 26 and will always be fun to watch, while Kinston, New 5:00 (Game 1) Carroll vs. 6:30 (Game 14) Game 10 Brockton and Zion Chapel appear to be improving nightly
Robert E. Lee and could grab some wins as the season progresses.

and could grab some wins as the season progresses.

*** The big news around the state last week was the resignation/firing of Auburn's Coach Tommy Tuberville.

Tuberville had been at the Auburn held for 10 years and led the Tigers to many wins, including six straight over Alabama. However, many Auburn fans never really

Alabama. However, many Auburn fans never really

Alabama. However, many Auburn fans never really Alabama. However, many Auburn fans never really accepted the coach and I agree that after a decade at the County vs. Pike County vs. Pike County Championship game days and the remainder within a year. So, with a buyout like that I guess it doesn't make any difference whether he resigned, as the Athletic Director stated, or he was fired, as The Alabama Sports CLASS 2A his Mom declared. The only sure thing in coaching at any Writers Association has 1-R.C. Hatch, 2-Barbour level is that while coaches come and coaches go, the games released its weekly high County, 3-Pickens County,

*** Alabama fans were disappointed last weekend with for the week of December 4 Jude, 7-Houston County, 8the Crimson Tide's loss to Florida, but after a few days and a number of area teams Ider, 9-Tanner, 10-Mars they should have the chance to look back, reflect and real- remained in the early sea- Hill Bible ize just what a fantastic season the Tide had. I will agree son poll. that a loss in the Sugar Bowl won't leave a very sweet taste In the Boy's poll Eufaula 1-Talladega County in anyone's mouth, but to have a 12-1 record after all the was ranked sixth in Class Central, 2-Phillips Bear losses on and off the field in recent years is almost 5A, Andalusia was ranked Creek, 3-Holy Family, 4unthinkable. I don't predict college sports, but did tell second in Class 4A, Tuscaloosa Academy, 5many people last week that Alabama would have to score Abbeville was rankled sixth Hazlewood, 6-Waterloo, 7at least 30 points to have a chance to win due to Florida's in Class 3A and in Class 2A Cedar Bluff, 8-Asbury, 9offense. That proved true, simply because Florida had Tim Barbour County was Meek, 10-J.F. Shields Tebow at quarterback and Alabama had a restricted offense ranked second and Houston that was limited in what it could do. How effective was County was ranked sev- GIRLS Tebow? He ran the ball on four third down plays and got a enth. first down on all four runs, while passing on third down he In the Girl's poll Ashford CLASS 6A completed 4 of 8 passes for 3 touchdowns. Not a bad stat! was ranked fourth in Class 1-Bob Jones, 2-Sparkman,

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator saved the best for last 4A, Geneva was ranked 3-Clay Chalkville, 4as he picked all six state champs at last week's Super Six. tenth in Class 3A, Samson Blount, 5-Murphy, 6-The 6-0 final week picks gave the local guesspert a final was ranked fifth in Class Mountain Brook, 7-Hoover, record of 344-85, which ain't too shabby.

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Elba gets swept out of gym by Pike County

The Elba Tigers traveled to Brundidge last Tuesday night to battle the undefeated Pike County Bulldogs loss to the Pike County

hit two free throws with no mission and pulled away to win. Tierra Hall scored 18 improve their record to 3-0 points and pulled down 4 on the young season. rebounds to lead Pike

Tevin Andrews scored 16 County, while Ashley Bulldogs with 9 points.

Following is the com-

5:00 (Game 13) Game 9

Plains his program had grown stale. The former coach will get a buyout of \$5.1 million, with half to be paid within 30 Area teams included in state

school basketball rankings 4-Sulligent, 5-Fyffe, 6-St.

2A and in Class 1A 8-Gadsden City, 9-Shades Pleasant Home was ranked Valley, 10-Robertsdale fourth and Providence CLASS 5A Christian was ranked sev- 1-Talladega, 2-LeFlore, 3-

Following is the com- Athens, 6-Vigor, 7-Brewer, plete state rankings:

Selma, 4-Faith Academy, 5-

St. Paul's

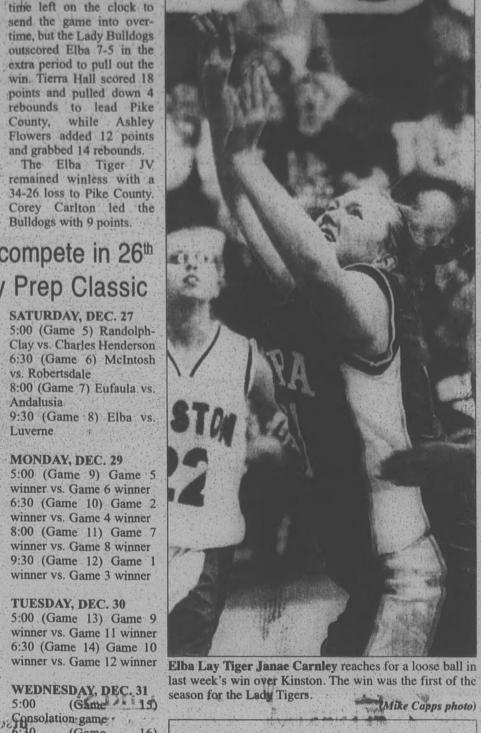
CLASS 4A

BOYS CLASS 6A 1-Williamson, 2-Shades Ashford, 5-DAR, 6-Valley, 3-Sidney Lanier, 4- Deshler, 7-Plainview, 8-Daphne, 5-Austin, 6- Anniston, 9-Alabama Baldwin County, 7- Christian, 10-Childersburg Homewood, 8-Davidson, 9- CLASS 3A Gadsden City, 10-Vestavia 1-Madison Academy, 2-

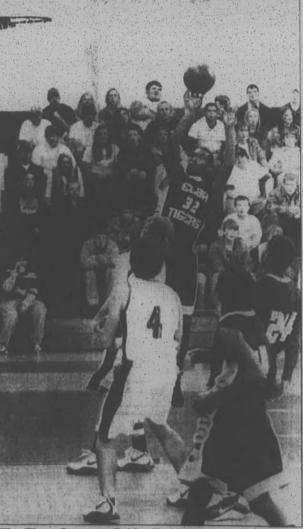
CLASS 5A 1-LeFlore, 2-Butler, 3- Sunter County, 6-Elkmont, CLASS 2A Woodlawn, 4-Wilcox 7-West Morgan, 8- Leroy 41 Sulligent 8 Central, 5-Parker, 6- Altamont, 9-Pisgah, 10- CLASS 3A Eufaula, 7-Russellville, 8- Geneva Anniston, 9-Talladega, 10- CLASS 2A Fairfield 1-Cold Springs, 2-CLASS 4A Recltown, 3-Ider, 4-1-Deshler, 2-Andalusia, 3- Clements, 5-Samson, 6-

Dallas County, 4-Saks, 5- Section, 7-Red Bay, 8-Childersburg, 6-Bullock Mobile Christian, 9-County, 7-Brewbaker Tech, Woodland, 10-Ohatchee 8-Central Coosa, 9- CHASS 1A Cherokee County, 10- 1-bccIntosh,

Garden, 3-Speake, CLASS 3A 1-Madison Academy, 2- Hubbertville, Leeds, 3-Crossville, 4- Hazlewood, 7-Providence Vinemont, 5-West Morgan, Christian, 8-Jefferson 6-Abbeville, 7-Central Chastian, 9-Gaston, 10-Hayneville, 8-Lauderdale Jacksonville Christian County, 9-Altamont, 10-



last week's win over Kinston. The win was the first of the



8-Briarwood, 9-Erwin, 10-Elba Tiger Quenton Caldwell (32) takes a jumper in last. week's road win over the Kinston Bulldogs. The Tigers 14Ramsey, 2-Midfield, 3- will comoete this week at the Andalusia Christmas Lawrence County 4- Tournament. (Mike Capps photo)

PREP FOOTBALL SUPER SIX RESULTS

Glencoe, 3-Danville, 4- CLASS 1A Läuderdale County, 5- Sweet Water 42 Speake 0

Leeds 38 Cordova 21

lease do it today.

UMS-Wright 41 Cherokee County 7 CLASS 5A Vigor 50 Russellville 30 CLASS 6A Prattville 16 Hoover 13

illy Graham tells of his visit to the front lines during the Korean War at Christmas. " On Christmas Eve a young Marine lay dying on Heartbreak Ridge.

A chaplain climbed up the slope, stooped over the Marine and whispered, May I help you son? No its all right, he answered. Glancing down, the chaplain noticed a New Testament clutched in the Marine's hand, and the rea-

son for the young man' tranquility was found on the page where his finger was inserted: My peace I give to you"(John 14:27)." Today in the midst of trouble, terrorism, and war, that peace can be yours - if you put your faith in Jesus

SPORTS



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Straughn defender to score in action last week in the Gamecocks' 58-55 loss to the Tigers.



PREP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 Elba, in Andalusia Christmas Tournament Brantley, in Straughn Christmas Tournament Kinston, in Straughn Christmas Tournament New Brockton, in Straughn Christmas Tournament FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 Elba, in Andalusia Christmas Tournament

Enterprise, in Andalusia Christmas Tournament Brantley, in Straughn Christmas Tournament Kinston, in Straughn Christmas Tournament New Brockton, in Straughn Christmas Tournament Reeltown at Zion Chapel (4:30)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 Elba, in Andalusia Christmas Tournament Enterprise, in Andalusia Christmas Tournament Brantley, in Straughn Christmas Tournament Kinston, in Straughn Christmas Tournament New Brockton, in Straughn Christmas Tournament MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 G.W. Long at Elba (4:30) Enterprise at Rehobeth (4:30) Straughn at Kinston (4:30) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Brantley at Elba (4:30) Dothan at Enterprise (4:30) Zion Chapel at Kinston (4:30) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 Opp at Elba (4:30) Zion Chapel at New Brockton (4:30)

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BOYS:

New Brockton rally sinks Opp 46-36 The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled away in the fourth quarter to defeat the Opp Bobcats 46-36, last Monday night in New Brockton. The Gamecocks held a slim 33-31 lead after three quarters, but outscored the Bobcats 13-5 in the final stanza to pull away and claim the win. Shambray Johnson scored 22 points and Devin Muhammad added 10 to lead New Brockton, while Gavin Free led Opp with 11 points.

Zion Chapel falls to Providence 61-44 The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a first half lead vanish as the Providence Christian Eagles rallied to claim a 61-44 win, last Tuesday night in Zion Chapel. Ethan Mount scored 17 points to lead the Rebels, while Keith Granger scored 22 points and Johnny Dowd added 17 to lead the

Brantley outshot by Red Level 102-87 The Brantley Bulldogs opened their season last Tuesday night in Red Level and were outscored by the Tigers 102-87. Wesley Person scored 31 points to lead Brantley, while Tory Upshaw added 20 and Devontae Porter scored 19. D.J. Sankey scored 27 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out 11 assists to lead Red Level.

Bulldogs rip Highland Home 84-70 New Brockton's Devon Muhammad (22) drives past a The Brantley Bulldogs got their first win of the young season Thursday night by outscoring the Highland Home Flying Squadron 84-70, in Highland Home. Tory Upshaw (Mike Capps photo) scored 22 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Wesley Person added 17 points.

> New Brockton upset by Straughn 58-55 The New Brockton Gamecocks suffered their first loss Kinston's Eric Wise (45) throws up a roadblock to Elba's of the young season Thursday night as they lost to the Jason Mitchell (5) in action last week in the Tigers' win Straughn Tigers 58-55, in New Brockton. Shambray over the Bulldogs. Johnson scored 25 points and Justin Flowers added 19 to lead the Gamecocks, while James Byrd scored 16 points to lead the Tigers and Bryan Walker and Charles Christopher both added 11.

Brantley surprises Georgiana 84-70

The Brantley Bulldogs grabbed a big early season win Friday night at home by claiming an 84-70 upset over the previously undefeated Georgiana Panthers. Wesley Person scored 20 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Devontae Porter added 18, Tory Upshaw 17 and Chester Person 16.

New Brockton outscored by Opp 59-30 The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 59-30 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats, last Monday night in New Brockton. The Lady Samecocks fell behind 21-6 in the opening stanza and never threatened to rally against the 4A Lady Bobcats. Whitney Brantley scored 10 points and Alex Lee added 9 to lead New Brockton, while Harrison scored 22 points and Drew added 15 to lead Opp.

Zion Chapel falls to Providence 64-18 The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were simply no match for the Providence Christian Lady Eagles as they suffered a lopsided 64-18 loss, last Tuesday night in Zion Chapel. Madison Longchamp scored 19 points and had 5 steals to lead Providence, while Andrea Charlton added 17 points, 13 rebounds and 8 steals.

Brantley runs past Red Level 65-58 The Brantley Lady Bulldogs needed all four quarters to get past the Red Level Lady Tigers 65-58, last Tuesday LADY BULLDOGS BLOCK OUT ... Two Kinston Lady night in Red Level. Eisha Person scored 40 points to lead Bulldogs block out in the lane in action last week against the Lady Bulldogs, while Koneisha Calloway led the Lady Tigers with 24 points.

> Brantley eases past H. Home 39-29 The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued their early season success last Thursday night with a 39-29 win over

Brockton ripped by Straughn 55-18 The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early

and could never catch up last Thursday night in a 55-18 loss to the Straughn Lady Tigers, in New Brockton. Kayla Teel scored 12 points and Tiffany Taylor added 12 to lead the Lady Tigers.

Brantley rolls past Georgiana 60-44

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs remained on a roll Friday night with a big 60-44 home win over the Georgiana Lady Panthers. Eisha Person scored 36 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs

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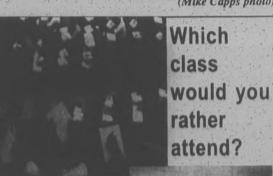


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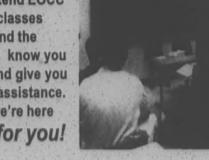
GAMI



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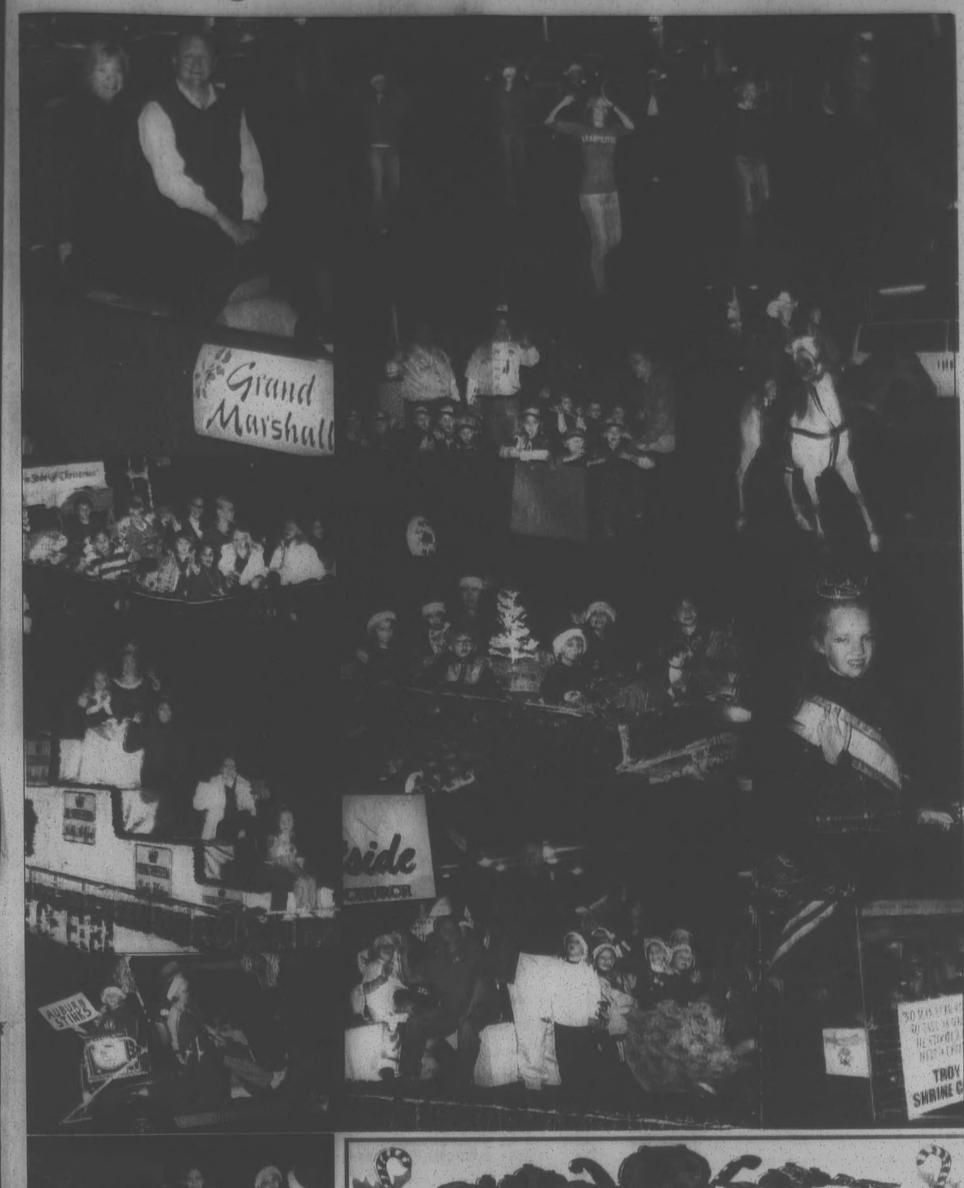
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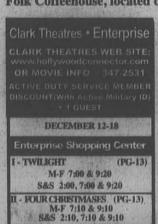
week's crafts bazaar also The crafts bazaar held at was considered a fundraiser Just Folk Coffeehouse. The majority of the ven- downtown Elba, during dors for the crafts bazaar the "Christmas in Elba" were local people, and all event offered local artists seemed delighted by the an opportunity to highresponse they received. light and sell their works.



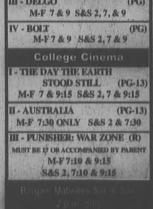
Many folks utilized their time at the "Christmas in Elba" crafts bazaar to catch up with friends while having a cup of coffee.



Following the Elba Christmas Parade, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Pictures with Santa" at Just Folk Coffeehouse, located on the square.



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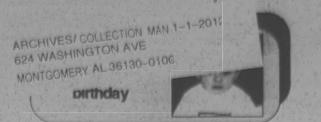
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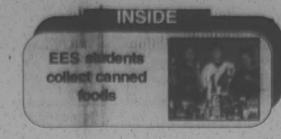


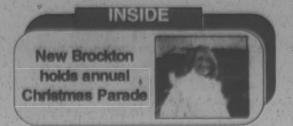
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The long expected prora-

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became a reality in

Alabama Monday after-

noon, Dec. 15, when

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Gov. Riley also cut other

the same press conference.

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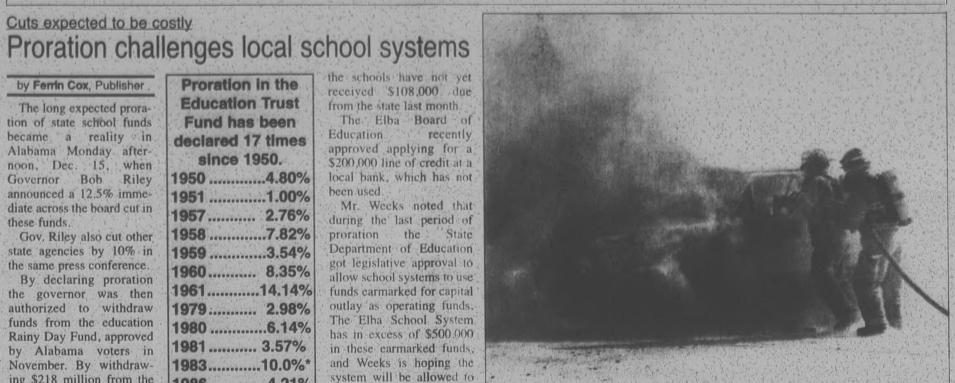
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Thursday, December 18, 2008

1 Section, 14 Pages



bers were already cutting TWO MEMBERS OF THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT fight to where they could, reducing extinguish the blaze from this vehicle fire on Saturday morning, Dec. 13. The truck, which was a total loss from the fire, was parked in the parking lot of the Ranch House when it caught fire. The vehicle was moved away from the restaurant, and the fire did not pose any threat to the building.

Elba Fire Department responds to fires

was 14.14%. Alabama shock Local school offi- ture of the fiscal situation schools have been in prora- cials said the cut will chal- and planned to meet with by Linda Hodge, Editor tion 17 times since 1950. lenge them to cut spending the school principals and Members of the Elba Proration is required in every possible area. discuss where outs can be Volunteer Fire Department were in demand late last Constitution prohibits state Danny Weeks expects the No teachers can be cut week as they responded to agencies from deficit cuts to cost the Elba School and only probational sup- a mobile home fire early

spending (Bond issues are System in excess of port personnel (who are not Friday morning, Dec. 12, not considered deficit \$600,000 a year or \$60,000 contract employees) may spending). a month for the remaining be terminated in the middle morning, Dec. 13. School officials, local 10 months in the fiscal of a contract term. Just prior to 8 a.m. last and statewide, were hoping year. Mr. Weeks added that Combining of bus routes Friday morning, the departfor a 6.5 to 7% cut in this cut may force the will be looked out, stopping ment was dispatched to spending, and Monday schools to revisit the bank all administrative travel respond to a mobile home afternoon were in some- for bridge loans. He noted unless absolutely necessary fire at 824 First Avenue. is already a practice that is According to reports, the in place, said Weeks.

"But whatever we do, we person was trapped inside"

will not cut services to the the burning home; howev-Elba school students," er, that report turned out to Weeks said. be false. Coffee County Only four minutes after Superintendent Dr. Linda being dispatched to the fire, Ingram said Tuesday after-the volunteer firefighters

noon the 9% proration will arrived on scene and found. Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department quickthe 10 remaining months in home.

elected members of the Ingram said.

Taylor Mill Road, just past Tabernacle Church, caused the entire road to be unsafe for vehicles until repairs were made on Monday of this week. The culvert was still carry-ing normal drainage but was an accompanied to be unsafe for vehicles until repairs were board member Joey Arnold

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Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram presented board members with a copy of the October 2008 financial statement for review. She noted that tax collections received by the school system are down quite a bit as compared to last year. She said this might be an indication the local economy is beginning to follow suit





cost the Coffee County that one room was in ly extinguished the blaze inside this mobile home last School System flames. They were able to Friday morning, Dec. 12. Initially, the firefighters were \$1,145,382.84 or contain the blaze before it spread throughout the was not true.

would be able to weather patched just prior to 10. The firefighters arrived the blaze. Please See CUTS, Page 11 a.m. to a vehicle fire in the on scene approximately No injuries were reported parking lot of The Ranch seven minutes after being from either fire.

the fiscal year. She added On Saturday morning, House. The report indicated dispatched to this fire and that the county schools the department was dis-

Two board members take oath of office at County BOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor in regards to a slowdown. made a motion to change school year. Hendricks will Coffee County Probate As she has many times in the meeting time for the begin work on Jan. 5, 2009. Judge William Gammill the past, Ingram encour- monthly meeting (first Also during last administered the oath of aged citizens to "shop at Thursday of the month Thursday's meeting, Dr. office Thursday evening, home" in Coffee County. unless otherwise noted) to Ingram told board members Dec. 11, for two recently "We need the sales tax," 5:30 p.m. His motion the state only sent about 75

THE HEAVY RAINS LAST WEEK CAUSED DAMThe swearing-in ceremo- change the meeting time of Upon the recommenda- from reserve funds to pay AGE to roads all across South Alabama. This washout on ny held for District Seven the board's monthly meet- tion of the superintendent, the employees. She also

with the national economy member Larry Eddins Director for the 2008-2009 received a second from percent of the funding Coffee County Board of After a brief discussion, board member Arnold and again this month. She said board members agreed to was passed unanimously. about \$260,000 was used



Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill (right) administered the oath of office for two members of the Coffee County Board of Education. Members accepting the oath of ffice were (from left) Danny Jernigan, District Seven; and Joey Arnold, District One.